
Course: GOVERNMENT
Item WestEd_113794
Item Type: Select One
Standard: 3.2.PO 4
Blooms Taxonomy: None
Difficulty: None
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Correct Answer: B
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The excerpt below is from an essay in “The Federalist Papers” that James Madison wrote in 1788.

But the great security against a gradual concentration of the several powers in the same department, consists in giving to those who administer each department the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others. . . . Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.

—James Madison, “The Federalist No. 51” (1788)

In which way were James Madison’s ideas represented in the final version of the United States Constitution?

- A.** It encouraged politicians to be demanding when performing their duties.
- B.** It created a system of checks and balances among the three branches.
- C.** It included the ability of the legislature to help elect the chief executive.
- D.** It concentrated most of the power in the legislative branch of government.

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Item WestEd_114201
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Standard: 3.2.PO 6
Blooms Taxonomy: None
Difficulty: None
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Related Passage:
Correct Answer: C
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Which of these is an expansion of presidential powers beyond those delegated to the office in Article II of the United States Constitution?

- A.** A President uses a pocket veto for legislation sent to his desk for signature.
- B.** A President pardons his former administration officials convicted of illegal activity.
- C.** A President asserts executive privilege to shield his actions from legislative oversight.
- D.** A President makes his appointments to the federal judiciary during a congressional recess.

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Item WestEd_114529
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Standard: 3.4.PO 2
Blooms Taxonomy: None
Difficulty: None
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Related Passage:
Correct Answer: C
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Which statement is true about the effect of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution?

- A.** Citizens are not immune from prosecution for criminal acts.
- B.** Citizenship of a state is not dependent upon residency requirements.
- C.** States must protect many of the liberties described in the Bill of Rights.
- D.** The naturalization process of citizenship does not require extensive examinations.

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Item WestEd_114660
Item Type: Select One
Standard: 3.4.PO 5
Blooms Taxonomy: None
Difficulty: None
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Related Passage:
Correct Answer: A
Content Collection: MCESA Active Items

The news headlines below describe the influence of interest groups on the political process.

- Interest Group Pledges Financial Support to Legislation Supporter in Congress
- Super PAC to Increase Spending on Negative Ads
- Union-Affiliated PAC Donations Played Major Role in Candidate's Victory

Based on these news headlines, which is the primary method used by these interest groups?

- A.** providing funds to the campaigns of friendly politicians
- B.** appointing members to request money from corporations
- C.** recruiting volunteers to help politicians during campaigns
- D.** offering technical assistance during presidential elections